



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303-8960

JUN 27 2013

The Honorable Jo Bonner  
Member, U.S. House of Representatives  
11 North Water Street  
Suite 15290  
Mobile, Alabama 36602

Dear Congressman Bonner:

Thank you for your May 30, 2013, letter to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency transmitting Mr. Dale Crews' concerns regarding the former Kerr McGee chemical plant in Theodore, Alabama (the site). Mr. Crews asserts that he has concerns regarding over-regulation of the site by numerous government agencies.

In 2011, the EPA and twenty-five states created a Multistate Trust as part of the Tronox (successor to Kerr-McGee) global bankruptcy settlement. The Multistate Trust was established to own, manage, remediate and ultimately dispose of numerous contaminated sites once owned by Tronox, including the site in Theodore. The Consent Decree and the Environmental Settlement Agreement designated the state of Alabama as lead agency for the site in Theodore.

Because of EPA's limited role in the project, we have requested that the Trustee provide a response to address the concerns presented in Mr. Crews' correspondence. The enclosed letter is an independent response from the Trustee and provides a detailed explanation of the numerous regulatory requirements. Metawise is operating on a closed, contaminated site and its compliance with environmental laws and regulations is critical to protecting its workers, public health and the environment.

If you have questions or need additional information from the EPA, please contact me or the Region 4 Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations at (404) 562-8327.

Sincerely,

A. Stanley Merberg  
Acting Regional Administrator

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Phillip D. Davis, P.E.  
Chief, Land Division  
Alabama Department of Environmental Management

Ms. Cynthia Brooks, President  
Greenfield Environmental Multistate Trust LLC



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